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**AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION, CLAIMS, AND ABSTRACT
MADE IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 19, 2002**

Amendments to the specification:

[0020] FIGs. 1a and 1b are is an exploded isometric view and a partial enlarged view, respectively, of an embodiment of the teaching apparatus of the present invention;

[0021] FIGs. 2a and 2b are an exploded isometric view and a partial enlarged view, respectively, of an alternate embodiment of the teaching apparatus of the present invention;

[0038] Having recognized the source of much confusion and frustration experienced by young children first learning and using computers, that being the failure of the standard computer keyboard to display letters that may be recognized by these young children, a teaching apparatus is presented. One embodiment of such a teaching apparatus that enables these young children to enter data into a computer is illustrated in FIG. 1a. In this embodiment of the present invention, the teaching apparatus 100 takes the form of a computer keyboard overlay 102 that is adapted to cover at least a portion of the computer keyboard 104 used with a typical computer. As may be seen from this FIG. 1a, a preferred embodiment of the present invention utilizes a keyboard overlay 102 that covers the entire keyboard 104, including function and numeric keys 110 for which this problem does not